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SUBJECT: PATROL BOATS FOR ECUADOR

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1. REF B REPORTS THAT SWIFT SHIPS HAS DISCUSSED WITH DEPARTMENT POSSIBLE CONTRACT TO BUILD FOUR 65-FOOT PATROL BOATS FOR ECUADOREAN CUSTOMS SERVICE, AND TWO 105-FOOT PATROL BOATS FOR ECUADOREAN NAVY.

2. ECUADOREAN CNO, ADMIRAL VASQUEZ, HAS TOLD US THAT NO RPT NO DISCUSSIONS HAVE BEEN HELD WITH SWIFT SHIPS REGARDING POSSIBLE PURCHASE OF NAVAL PATROL BOATS.

3. ON THE OTHER HAND, GOE CUSTOMS SERVICE HAS CONFIRMED TO US THAT IT IS SERIOUSLY INTERESTED IN COMMERCIAL PURCHASE OF PATROL BOATS AND HAS VARIETY OF OFFERS FROM ISRAELI, ITALIAN, AND, PERHAPS, OTHER SOURCES AS WELL AS U.S., WHICH IT IS EVALUATING. CUSTOMS ADVISOR BENSON'S FORMAL RECOMMENDATIONS ARE ALSO BEING STUDIED. LIKELIHOOD OF FIRM OFFER TO PURCHASE BOATS OFFERED BY SWIFT SHIPS, WHICH WE BELIEVE WOULD SERVE FUNCTION OF NARCOTICS INTERDICTION, IS IMPOSSIBLE EVALUATE AT THIS TIME; WE ARE, FURTHERMORE, UNCERTAIN OF GOE CABINET

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REACTION TO WHATEVER PROPOSAL CUSTOMS MAY MAKE WITH

REGARD TO BOAT PURCHASE AND CABINET DECISION WOULD PROBABLY BE REQUIRED ON A MATTER OF THIS IMPORTANCE TO ECUADOR.

4. GOE CUTOMS HAS HIGH PRIORITY FOR ACQUISITION PATROL BOATS, WHETHER THROUGH PROJECT AGREEMENT OR BY COMMERCIAL PURCHASE. CUTOMS ADVISOR IS WORKING WITH CUSTOMS OFFICIALS TO ESTABLISH PROCUREMENT PRIORITIES.

5. IN LIGHT ABOVE CONSIDERATIONS WE BELIEVE AMENDMENT TO PROGRAM AGREEMENT OUGHT AWAIT GOE DECISION ON COMMERCIAL PURCHASE SO THAT OUR EFFORTS MAY BEST SERVE PROGRAM PURPOSES. WE HOPE THE GOE WILL MOVE RAPIDLY ON THIS MATTER BUT, IN ANY EVENT, A COUNTRY TEAM RECOMMENDATION REGARDING ANY AMENDMENT TO THE CUTOMS PROJECT AGREEMENT WILL BE FORTHCOMING BY THE END OF NOVEMBER.

6. IN THE EVENT SWIFT SHIPS ACTUALLY SUBMITS APPLICATION FOR EXPORT LICENSE FOR CIVILIAN PATROL BOATS, EMBASSY WOULD STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT SUCH APPLICATION BE APPROVED. WE OFFER NO RECOMMENDATION ON POSSIBLE SALE OF BOATS TO ECUADOREAN NAVY SINCE THERE APPEARS TO BE NO LOCAL INTEREST IN SUCH A TRANSACTION.  
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